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TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/883,998

Group Art Unit: 2839

Confirmation No.: 2408

Examiner: Javaid H. NASRI

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For: TAPE BASED HIGH FIBER COUNT CABLE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, first full paragraph, please delete and replace with the following:

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As shown in Figure 3, a buffer tube 18 may also be formed to contain optical fiber ribbons 20. The optical fiber ribbons 20 allow for an increase in fiber packing density within the given space created by the rolled composite tape 12. This is advantageous as higher packing densities allow for more fiber to be placed in a given diameter cable and thus more efficient use

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